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THE TREE

BY WINIFRED WELLES

I

THE TREE AT DAWN

I KNOW that day will come, for I have seen
Under the sky three silver threads unraveling.
The blackness whispers of green.
A sound becomes a glimmering,
And waters waken . . .
White from her sleep the Lily prays.
A fragrance sways
Where the grass is shaken.
And as the last hour lingers listening,
Deep in my heart the Voice begins to sing.

II

THE TREE AT DUSK

With secrets in their eyes the blue-winged Hours
Rustle through the meadow
Dropping shadow.
Yawning among red flowers
The Moon Child with her golden hoop,
And a pink star blowing after,
Leans to me where I droop.
I hear her delicate, soft laughter—
And through my hair her tiny fingers creep . . .
I shall sleep.

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